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SENATE BILL 86

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY; AMENDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE
CODE; PROHIBITING THE VIEWING OF TELEVISION OR OTHER VIDEO
MONITORS BY DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
enacted to read:**

**"[NEW MATERIAL] FRONT SEAT TELEVISIONS AND VIDEO MONITORS
PROHIBITED. - -**

**A. Except as provided in Subsection C, a person
shall not operate a motor vehicle on any street or highway in
this state while a video receiver, viewer, screen, monitor or
source of television or video signal, broadcast or recorded
entertainment or business application is visible to the person
operating the motor vehicle, whether such device is permanently**

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1 or temporarily installed.

2 B. A retailer shall not install a television or
3 other video receiver, viewer, screen, monitor or source of
4 television or video signal, broadcast or recorded entertainment
5 or business application in a motor vehicle at any point forward
6 of the back of the driver's seat or at any point that would
7 make the device visible to a driver operating the motor
8 vehicle.

9 C. This section does not apply to the following
10 equipment when installed in a motor vehicle:

- 11 (1) a vehicle information display;
- 12 (2) a navigation or global positioning
13 display;
- 14 (3) a mapping display;
- 15 (4) a visual display used to monitor the area
16 immediately to the rear or sides of a motor vehicle for the
17 purpose of maneuvering the vehicle; or
- 18 (5) a television or other video receiver,
19 viewer, screen, monitor or source of television or video
20 signal, broadcast or recorded entertainment or business
21 application, if that equipment has a device that, when the
22 motor vehicle is being driven, disables the equipment for all
23 uses except as a visual display as described in Subparagraphs
24 (1) through (4) of this subsection.

25 D. This section does not apply to a self-contained

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1 motor home that is in excess of twenty-one feet in length or to
2 an authorized emergency vehicle or motor vehicle that provides
3 emergency or roadside assistance.

4 E. This section does not prohibit the use of
5 television-type receiving equipment used exclusively for safety
6 or traffic engineering studies or in police, sheriff or
7 emergency vehicles. "

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